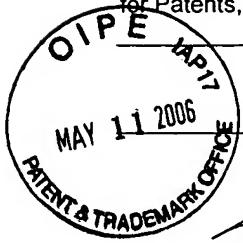


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2006, please reconsider the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.